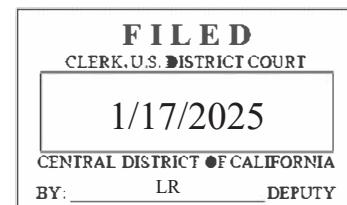


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13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 2:25-cr-00040-HDV

14 Plaintiff,

GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION
FOR ORDER SEALING INDICTMENT AND
RELATED DOCUMENTS; DECLARATION OF
CATHARINE A. RICHMOND

15 v.

16 ROHAN SANDEEP RANE, ET AL.

(UNDER SEAL)

17 Defendants.

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19 The government hereby applies ex parte for an order that the
20 indictment and any related documents in the above-titled case (except
21 the arrest warrants for the charged defendants) be kept under seal
22 until the government files a "Report Commencing Criminal Action" in
23 this matter.

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1 This ex parte application is made pursuant to Federal Rule of
2 Criminal Procedure 6(e)(4) and is based on the attached declaration
3 of Catharine A. Richmond.

4 Dated: January 16, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **DECLARATION OF CATHARINE A. RICHMOND**

2 I, CATHARINE A. RICHMOND, declare as follows:

3 1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the United
4 States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. I
5 represent the government in the prosecution of United States v. RANE
6 et al., the indictment in which is being presented to a federal grand
7 jury in the Central District of California on January 17, 2025.

8 2. The defendants charged in the above-captioned indictment
9 have not been taken into custody on the charge contained in the
10 indictment and have not been informed that they are being named as
11 defendants in the indictment to be presented to the grand jury on
12 January 17, 2025. The likelihood of apprehending defendants WALKER
13 and BORGE might jeopardized if the indictment in this case were made
14 publicly available before either is taken into custody on the
15 indictment. In addition, other members of defendants' enterprise,
16 CVLT, and its offshoots, have been known to scour the internet for
17 information about law enforcement actions and share the information
18 to assist others in evading detection and arrest.

19 3. Accordingly, the government requests that the indictment
20 and sealed documents in this case (except the arrest warrants) be
21 sealed and remain so until one of the defendants is taken into
22 custody on the charges contained in the indictment and the government
23 files a "Report Commencing Criminal Action" in this matter.

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1 4. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
2 United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and
3 that this declaration is executed at Los Angeles, California, on
4 January 16, 2025.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER SEALING
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14 v.

(UNDER SEAL)

15 ROHAN SANDEEP RANE, ET AL.,

16 Defendants.

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18 For good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

19 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) (4), the
20 indictment and any related documents in the above-titled case (except
21 the arrest warrants), the government's sealing application, and this
22 order shall be kept under seal until such time as the government
23 files a "Report Commencing Criminal Action" in this matter.

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25 1/17/2025

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26 DATE

HONORABLE STEVE KIM
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1 **OR IN CASE OF DENIAL:**

2 The government's application for sealed filing is DENIED. The
3 sealing application will be filed under seal. The underlying
4 documents shall be returned to the government, without filing of the
5 documents or reflection of the name or nature of the documents on the
6 clerk's public docket.

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9 DATE

HONORABLE STEVE KIM
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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